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Police 'gave Canard secret to CIA'

From PAUL WEBSTER, Paris, July 8

The French secret police story before it was in print, were today accused of tapping but the CIA cable contained the telephone at the satirical information I passed on from weekly the Canard Enchaîné Washington which was not published in the article."

The Canard will tomorrow publish the photograph copy of a cable sent by CIA officers in Paris to their headquarters in Washington giving details of a telephone conversation between a journalist in Washington and the paper's political editor, M Claude Angeli, in Paris.

The cable warned the CIA's Washington office that the Canard intended to publish the name of the new CIA representative in Paris, M Eugene Burgstaller.

Miss Nina Sutton, who made the call from Washington giving the name to the Canard, said: "There's no question that the information could have been transmitted to the CIA only after the Canard's telephone had been tapped even though the Government said they were stopping telephone tapping."

"At first we thought there must be an informer inside Canard who saw the Canard

Journalists at the Canard claim that the article was not even written before Washington was informed.

The accusation will embarrass the French Government, still squirming from the bungled attempt by the internal secret service, the DST, to install microphones in the Canard office 18 months ago. It was partly because of that scandal that President Giscard d'Estaing ordered an end to this type of activity.

The Minister of the Interior, M Poniowski, assured Parliament that all telephone tapping for political purposes would be stopped.

The call to the Canard was made in October long after M Poniowski's assurance, but the cable which seemed to confirm suspicions that the President's orders are not being fully obeyed was only recently discovered by accident.

The Canard will claim tomorrow that the story proves that the Minister of the Interior is lying about telephone tapping.